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REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is anticipated or made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102, or 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-7, 9-19, AND 21-22 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 9-19, and 21-22 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Pezzutti et al. (US patent No. 6,760,762, issued July 6, 2004, herein referred to as "Pezzutti"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pezzutti teaches an intelligent network for providing network access services. Specifically, it teaches a method where an unregistered network access unit (NAU) can be discovered. (See Pezzutti, Column 15, lines 18-23)

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that Pezzutti fails to teach or suggest the novel concept of registering of an IP telephony end-point, where the end-point receives a default configuration, as positively claimed by the Applicants.

Specifically, Applicants' independent claims 1 and 10 positively recite:

1. A method for registering of an IP telephony end-point, comprising the steps of:

installing an end-point on an IP telephony network;
receiving, by said end-point, a default configuration;

subscribing to desired service features by said end-point using said default configuration; and

receiving, by said end-point, a configuration which supports said desired service features. (Emphasis added.)

10. A method for performing automatic registration of an IP telephony end-point comprising the steps of:

performing a first-stage registration, wherein said first stage-registration provides service capable of allowing a customer to subscribe to a desired service, wherein said step of performing a first-stage registration includes the step of receiving a default configuration; and

performing a second-stage registration wherein said end-point is provided with the desired service. (Emphasis added.)

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Applicants' invention is designed to address automatic registration of IP telephony end-points. In one embodiment, Applicants' invention discloses a two stage approach, where in a first-stage registration, a default configuration is provided to the end-point device. This first stage registration will allow the endpoint a limited capability that will, at minimum, allow a customer to create an account and to subscribe to specific services. After the first stage registration is completed, the second stage registration will provide the full set of features.

In contrast, Pezzutti is completely devoid of this teaching. Specifically, Pezzutti does not disclose the concept where the endpoint device receives a default configuration, as positively claimed by the Applicants. The Examiner cited Column 15, lines 18-58 of Pezzutti as providing this teaching. Applicants respectfully disagree. Pezzutti only teaches that the network will detect the presence of the unregistered NAU and that it is up to the network to ring the phone 18 and then a CRM agent will converse with the customer to complete service registration. (See Pezzutti, Column 15, lines 36-47). The cited section is completely devoid of any teaching or suggestion that a default configuration is sent to the customer device. Absent this teaching, Pezzutti does not anticipate Applicants' independent claims 1 and 10, and it is respectfully submitted that these independent claims are allowable.

Furthermore, dependent claims 2-7, 9, 11, 13-19, and 21-22 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 1 and 10 and recite additional limitations. As such, and for the exact same reason set forth above, the Applicants submit that claims 2-7, 9, 11, 13-19, and 21-22 are also patentable and are not anticipated by Pezzutti. As such, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 8 AND 20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 8 and 20 in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Pezzutti in view of Wang et al. (US patent No. 6,636,505, issued October 21, 2003, herein referred to as "Wang".) The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pezzutti is discussed above. Wang teaches a method for service provisioning a broadband modem.

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The Examiner's attention is again directed to the fact that Pezzutti and Wang (either singly or in any permissible combination) fails to teach or suggest the novel concept of registering of an IP telephony end-point, where the end-point receives a default configuration, as positively claimed by the Applicants. As such, Pezzutti and Wang both fail to make Applicants' independent claims 1 and 10 obvious.

Furthermore, dependent claims 8 and 20 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 1 and 10 and recite additional limitations. As such, and for the exact same reason set forth above, the Applicants submit that claims 8 and 20 are also patentable and are not made obvious by Pezzutti in view of Wang. As such, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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